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FROM THOMAS NEWTON, JR., ESQ.

NORFOLK March, 22, 1773.

SIR

I am very sorry to inform you that we have very slow sale for flours at this time, owing to the large quantity's from every part of the country, together with a report of the best superfine selling with you at 14/ per Ct. I have not sold as yet above sixty barrels of your best kind & not one of the inferior sort, but do not doubt of disposing [of] the whole of it payable at the July & OCtober meetings, as yours has the preference of any at this market. we have had no arrivalls lately that I cannot inform you of the state of the markets abroad for the sale of flour much depends on the accts from Spain & Portugall & as the ports of Britain are opened I doubt not of many buying on speculation, which will occasion a rise here. I will inform you if any demand shou'd happen this way, that you may govern your Contracts thereby. I am.

Yr Most Hble Servt THOS NEWTON JR